

Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL) today said he was joining with Congresspersons John Conyers (D-MI) and Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH) to make public their 2005 New Year's Resolution - "***to object to the counting of the Ohio Electoral votes due to the numerous unexplained irregularities in the Ohio presidential vote when the Congress meets in a joint session on January 6 to certify each states' Electoral College votes***."

Jackson said, "In the spirit of Senator John Kerry's commitment to stand with the people until every vote is fully and fairly counted, Representatives Jackson, Conyers and Tubbs Jones - and many grassroots people around the country - are urging members of the U.S. Senate - including Senator Kerry, who should stand up for ***all Americans*** who voted believing their vote would count for the candidate of their choice - to join with these House members and sign a letter to object to the counting of the Ohio Electoral votes on January 6.

"The result of at least one U.S. Senator and one member of the U.S. House stating their objections in writing would be a stoppage of the counting of Electoral Votes and a two hour debate in each chamber of Congress until the objection is finally disposed of. It would enable members of Congress to debate and highlight the problems in Ohio - which are very prevalent virtually everywhere else in the country as well - that disenfranchised innumerable Ohio voters.

"A more detailed list of the voting problems in Ohio will be released shortly, but Ohio did not follow its own procedures and meet its obligation to conduct a free and fair election.

"If Dino Rossi, Republican candidate for Governor of Washington can say to Democratic candidate Christine Gregoire - 'Our next governor should enter office without any doubt about the legitimacy of his or her office. The people of Washington deserve to know that their governor was elected fair and square. Unfortunately, the events of the past few weeks now make it impossible for you or me to take office on January 12 without being shrouded in suspicion.' - then we can say the same thing about the President of the United States. This is especially true after the debacle of 2000 when a partisan Supreme Court ***selected*** our President," Jackson concluded.